

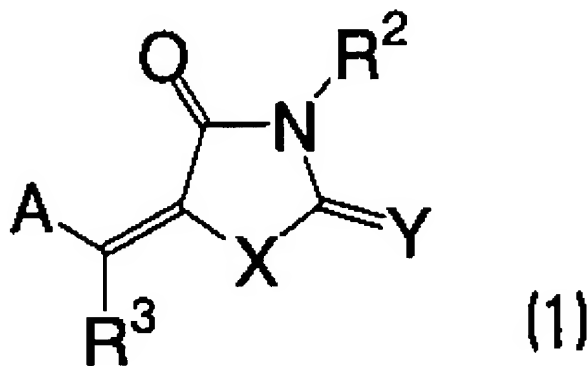
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition containing:

(A) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (1):



wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ring or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or  $\text{N(R}^1\text{)}$ ; Y represents an oxygen atom or  $\text{N(R}^1\text{)}$ ;  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ , and  $\text{R}^3$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; and A and  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  or  $\text{R}^3$  may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring;

(B) an initiator compound capable of generating a radical, an acid, or a base; and

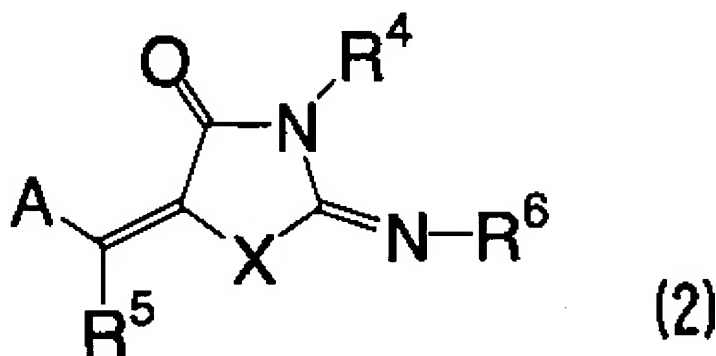
(C) a compound whose physical or chemical characteristic irreversibly changes by at least one of a radical, an acid, and a base,

wherein the initiator compound (B) is a hexaaryl biimidazole or a bisacyl phosphine.

2. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing (D) a binder polymer.

3. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing (E-1) a cosensitizer.

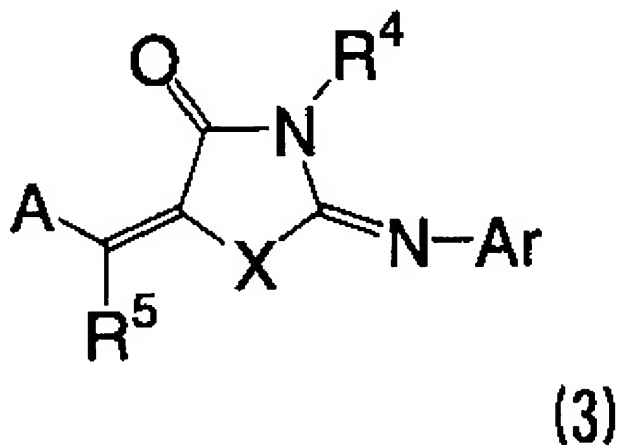
4. (currently amended): A compound represented by the following formula (2):



wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ring or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom, ~~a sulfur atom, or N(R<sup>1</sup>)~~; R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup>, ~~and R<sup>6</sup>~~ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; R<sup>6</sup> is a substituted aryl group; and A and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> or R<sup>6</sup> may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring.

5. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition containing:

(A-1) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (3):



wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ring or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or  $-N(R^1)-$ ;  $R^1$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; A and  $R^1$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring; and Ar represents an aromatic ring or heterocyclic ring having a substituent group, providing that substituent having a total for Hamet's value of more than 0 is present on the Ar skeleton;

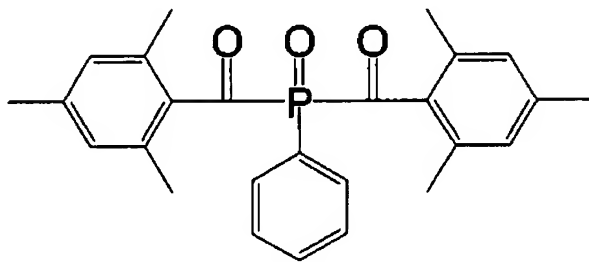
(B-1) ~~a-titanocene compound~~ hexaaryl biimidazole or a bisacyl phosphine; and

(C-1) an addition polymerizable compound capable of being reacted by at least one of a radical, an acid and a base.

6. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 5, further containing (D) a binder polymer.

7. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 5, further containing (E-1) a cosensitizer.

8. (new): The photosensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein the initiator compound is



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